

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-24 (Cancelled)

25. (Currently Amended) A power tool comprising:

a power tool housing;

a motor within said housing;

an output coupled with said motor;

an activation member for energizing said motor for rotating said output;

a power source electrically coupled with said motor and said activation member; and

a leveling mechanism comprising a light emitting device coupled with said power tool housing and said power source, said leveling mechanism positioned inside said power tool housing near said motor such that said power tool housing surrounds said leveling mechanism, said leveling mechanism including a rotating member fixed for rotation about a central axis for seeking ~~which seeks~~ an equilibrium position which corresponds to a horizontal or vertical plane, and said light emitting device projecting from said power tool housing at a desired position on said power tool housing so that said light emitting device illuminates, in response to said rotating member equilibrium position, to indicate to a user that the power tool is in a horizontal or vertical position.

26. (Previously Presented) The power tool according to Claim 25, said leveling mechanism further comprising:

said housing coupled within an inside surface of said power tool housing;

a cavity in said housing;

said rotating member in said housing, said rotating member moving in said cavity such that said rotating seeks an equilibrium position which corresponds to a horizontal or vertical plane;

electrical contacts in contact with said rotating member, said electrical contacts only completing an electrical circuit when said rotating member is in said equilibrium position;

said light emitting device electrically coupled with said electrical contacts;

and

said power source coupled with said electrical contacts for illuminating said light emitting device when the circuit is complete.

27. (Original) The power tool according to Claim 26, wherein said rotating member being fixed for rotation about a center axis in a cylindrical cavity in said housing.

28. (Original) The power tool according to Claim 27, wherein said rotating member includes a biased electrical contact.

29. (Original) The power tool according to Claim 27, wherein said electrical contacts being a pair of annular members coupled with said housing, each said annular member including electrical contact portions spaced ninety (90°) degrees from one another about a circle such that as said rotating member reaches said equilibrium position, said rotating member biased electrical member contacts said annular rings electrical contact portions completing the circuit and activating said indicator.

30. (Original) The power tool according to Claim 27, wherein rotating member being manufactured from an electrically conducting material.

31. (Original) The power tool according to Claim 30, wherein said rotating member being cylindrical with at least one projecting member.

32. (Original) The power tool according to Claim 31, said electrical contacts including a biased member for electrically contacting said at least one projecting member when said cylindrical rotating member is in said equilibrium position and an axle at the center axis of said rotating member completing the circuit.

33. (Cancelled.)

34. (Currently Amended) The power tool according to Claim ~~[[33]]~~ 38, said rotating member comprising a pair of conductive balls.

35. (Currently Amended) The power tool according to Claim ~~[[34]]~~ 38, said opposing conductive conical members separated by a non-conductive membrane.

36. (Currently Amended) The power tool according to Claim ~~[[35]]~~ 38, wherein said membrane includes apertures positioned 90°, about a circle, apart from one another.

37. (Currently Amended) The power tool according to Claim ~~[[36]]~~ 38, wherein said balls contacts one another through said apertures when said balls are in said equilibrium position completing the circuit and activating said indication.

38. (New) A power tool comprising:
a power tool housing;
a motor within said housing;
an output coupled with said motor;
an activation member for energizing said motor for rotating said output;
a power source electrically coupled with said motor and said activation member; and

a leveling mechanism comprising a light emitting device coupled with said power tool housing and said power source, said leveling mechanism positioned inside said power tool housing near said motor such that said power tool housing surrounds said leveling mechanism, said leveling mechanism including:

a housing coupled within an inside surface of said power tool housing;

a cavity in said housing;

a rotating member;

said rotating member in said housing, said rotating member moving in said cavity such that said rotating member seeks an equilibrium position which corresponds to a horizontal or vertical plane;

a pair of opposing conductive conical members defining said cavity acting as electrical contacts, said electrical contacts in contact with said rotating member, said electrical contacts only completing an electrical circuit when said rotating member is in said equilibrium position;

said light emitting device electrically coupled with said electrical contacts;

and

said power source coupled with said electrical contacts for illuminating said light emitting device when the circuit is complete; and

said light emitting device projecting from said power tool housing at a desired position on said power tool housing so that said light emitting device illuminates, in response to said rotating member equilibrium position, to indicate to a user that the power tool is in a horizontal or vertical position.